

## This list will aid you in choosing your Xmas gifts

Any one of these articles will make a most useful and acceptable Christmas gift. Our stock is complete and we advise you to make your inspection early, for it will be impossible to replace stock, once our lines are exhausted, in time for Xmas.



Ladies Jaeger Slippers.  
Men's

Ladies Jaeger Gloves.  
Men's

Men's Mocha Linen Gloves. Men's Silk Lined Gloves

Men's Kosey Korner Slippers. Men's Sweaters.

Dress Shirts - Silk Shirts - Pyjamas

Suspenders, Garters, & Arm Bands in neat gift boxes.

Men's Pipes, Suit Cases, Club Bags.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs. Linen Handkerchiefs. Initialed.

Ladies' Silk, combination colors, Scarfs.

Ladies' long Woolen Gloves. Men's all wool Scarfs.



### A VERY POPULAR GIFT

One of our largest and most excellent range of Neck ties. The largest and best assortment we have ever had, consisting of over 500 ties and no two alike. These are now on display. PRICE 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00 & 2.50

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QUALITY -:-: VALUE  
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## STORES

### THE GEM THEATRE

Fri. and Sat.—"The Auction of Souls."  
Monday and Tuesday:  
Constance Talmadge in "The Shuttle."  
Wednesday and Thursday:  
Dorothy Gish in "Peppy Polly."  
Friday and Saturday—Next Week:  
Cecil de Mille's Special—"For Better or Worse."

### Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of the town and school district was held on Monday last, in the town hall when a very representative group of ratepayers were present.

The School Trustees report was very gratifying and the chairman (R. H. Struthers) expressed the complete satisfaction of the board with the present condition of affairs.

He intimated that in the very near future the school district would be faced with the necessity for providing an extra teacher and more accommodation for pupils, brought about by the increasing number of pupils and by government requirements.

A. T. Connolly in moving a vote of thanks to the Board commended the trustees for the satisfactory report submitted, and in seconding the motion G. H. Travis patred the board on the back for its economy and stated that as long as it continued to ignore the suggestions made by irresponsible people, who were not ratepayers for fancy stunts, it would continue to receive his blessing.

All of which was profoundly tickling to the palate of the trustees and the risibility of the ratepayers.

Following the School Meeting the Town Council presented the annual statement of finances for the past ten months.

The statement was eminently satisfactory and the condition of the town's finances, in spite of all the setbacks experienced, were gratifying.

Secretary Carnegie was literally  
Confused on page four

### Agricultural Society Meeting.

The meeting held by the Agricultural Society on Tuesday last was exceptionally interesting and valuable to the farmers who were fortunate enough to be present and it was regrettable that bad weather conditions prevented farmers in outlying districts from getting to town.

Mr. Fryer of the Dominion Seed Laboratories gave a most descriptive history of Cereals, explaining with the aid of drawings the life of grains together with the many aids and also hindrances to proper cultivation.

Mr. Stewart gave a short address on Seeds with several useful hints on the purchase and selling of seed grain.

Mr. Mitchell gave a splendid lecture on "weeds and their eradication." He mentioned most of the noxious weeds found in Alberta, described their natures and prescribed measures for their eradication.

He urged the closer cooperation of government, town, municipality and individual in the war against these pests and also advocated the more rigid application of the Noxious Weeds Act.

His address was valuable and timely and it was evident from the discussion which followed that many of his points had reached their mark.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on December 10th and as this is the Annual Meeting of the Association all members are urged to make a special effort to attend.

## SHOP EARLY

Christmas only four weeks from Thurs. Nov., 24th. Have your choice while our stock is complete.

### COMMUNITY PLATE. Adam and Patrician designs at following prices.

Tea Spoons.	6 for 3.50
Dessert Spoons.	6 for 6.50
Table Spoons.	3 for 3.50
Cold Meat forks.	Each 2.00
Butter Knives.	1.25
Sugar Shells.	1.25
Sugar Tongs.	1.50
Cream Ladles.	2.00
Berry Spoons.	3.50
Carvers.	3 piece set 13.00
Game Carvers.	6.00

### Other useful articles for Christmas.

Tea Kettles.	from 2.00 to 11.00
Gasoline Lamps.	10.00
Washing Machines.	1.50 25.00
Tea Pots.	40c 4.00
Coffee Pots.	75c 4.00
Percolators.	3.00 7.00
Pocket Knives.	2.50 4.25
Bread Mixer.	4 loaf size. 5.00 6 loaf size. 5.75
Carpet Sweepers.	from 5.00 to 6.00
Hockey Skates - per pair	from 2.00 to 6.00

Currie & Milroy, Ltd., Bassano

## Just a Reminder

That the Christmas season will soon be here. Make this store your choice for Christmas presents.

Come up the side street (Opposite the Post Office.) It Pays!

### KOSEY KORNER.

Buy him a pair of footmen slippers. Packed in silk boxes, in colors of Grey, Brown, Ox Blood etc. Price per pair. \$1.00

### SILK MUFFLERS

A very suitable present for men. Silk Scarf - plain or silk - very reasonable. Price 1.00 to 4.00

### DRESS GLOVES

A well made good fitting Mocha Glove, Men's lined. Price 2.50 Ladies' gloves, Fur tops. Price 2.75

### HAND BAGS

Ladies' silk handbag in various designs. Price 1.00 & 4.00

### CHILDREN'S SLEEPERS

Dr. Denton, Kosey slippers in sizes 1 to 5 years. Prices from 1.50

### SUITABLE GIFT

For Xmas Present. A beautiful silk underrobe with full elastic hobbie trim. Price 10.50

### SILK UNDERSKIRT

Shoe taffeta silk well made and durable. Price 6.75

### CAMISOLES

A very dainty Camisole in Crepe de Chine trimmed with fine lace. Cash color. Price 2.25

### TOWELS

A rich looking Turkish towel 25 x 48, blue border with spots to work management on. Price 2.25

### TOWELS

A pure white Turkish towel, plain suitable to children for gift. 2.00

JAS. JOHNSTON The Quality Store

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## Our Christmas Stock Now on Display!

Select your gifts while our stock is at its best and you have a complete assortment to choose from. We will gladly lay aside your well-chosen gifts until needed upon payment of a small deposit.

Rich Designs in Cut Glass, Imported China, Artistic Jewelry and High Grade Watches at

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From the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Irrigation makes the farmer independent of rainfall, and insures good crops, not occasionally, but EVERY YEAR.

Irrigation makes possible the successful culture of alfalfa, the King of alfalfa, which insures good returns in dairying and mixed farming.

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Irrigation in the Canadian Pacific Railway Irrigation Block is no longer an experiment, the years that it has been tried having completely demonstrated its success wherever intelligently applied.

This is the most liberal offer of irrigated farm land on record.

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## New Royal Cafe

Flanagan's Old Store - Lee Wah, Proprietor

We have enlarged our staff and everything is new, clean, and up-to-date.

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Prices Moderate

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LUMBER - POST - PAINT  
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## The Bassano Mail.

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The Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of the Town while, in the opinion of the majority of those present, one of the most satisfactory ever held was allowed to close without a vote of thanks being accorded the Mayor and Councillors for the faithful and very efficient services they have rendered during the past year.

It was undoubtedly an oversight but the discourtesy nevertheless remains, and is most regrettable, for the tremendous amount of time which the Mayor has devoted to the town's affairs and his very efficient handling of the many difficult situations which have risen from time to time should have secured for him and for the members of the Council, who have all performed a vast amount of excellent work during the year, an expression of the ratepayers' appreciation beyond all possibility of oversight or omission.

## Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

bombarded with questions by many of the ratepayers, and his replies were in every case straight to the point and informative.

The only criticism offered was that of G. H. Travis who deplored the fact that the council had not properly attended to the trees at the Municipal Hospital. The fact that the Hospital is no longer town property seems to have escaped Mr. Travis' memory.

Several questions as to the administration of the Town superintendent's department were asked, all of which were answered to the satisfaction of the ratepayers.

The Council as a whole is to be very highly congratulated upon the success of their efforts to cut down expense for they have not only accomplished that end but it has been done without impairing the efficiency of the Town's system.

It is obvious that the town has a most able and trustworthy secretary-treasurer in Mr. Carnegie and we may look forward with confidence, given the right men are secured for the vacancies on the Council, to a year of even greater accomplishment in 1929, for with Mayor Bredin still in office and Councillors Allan, McKee and Maurer as the nucleus of the new council the extension of sane sound, business-like policies are assured.

## Arrison Bros. Lose Suit Against Harvey Smith

His Honor Judge Winters recently rendered judgement in a case tried by him at the sittings of the District Court at Bassano on 13th November, at the instance of Arrison Bros. & Gilbert against Harvey Smith, which may be of considerable local interest and for the benefit of our readers we subjoin the gist of His Honor's Judgement.

Sometime in Feb. 1919, Norman W. Arrison one of the Plaintiffs, had informed the defendant that he wanted Extension rims for the tractor wheels; the plaintiffs had at the time, as the Defendant knew, two 50-50 Oil-pull Rumely Tractors. Later in the same month the defendant told Norman that he had some rims that would fit his tractor which he could sell at half the price of new ones.

It was known to both parties that the rims referred to, and which are the subject of this action, were second-hand and had been used on a 30-50 Oil-pull Rumely Tractor.

About the 1st March the Plaintiff Norman W. Arrison came to the defendant's place of business and took the rims to his farm and on the 8th March he gave defendant a cheque for \$150.00 the agreed price. Later the plaintiffs tried to attach the rims to the tractor which but were not able to do so, and therefore they attach the defendant for



## The Xmas Gift

ABOVE ALL OTHERS---A

## Willis Auto Player Piano

Music just when you want it.

Reproduces so perfectly the performances of great artists. Does not sound mechanical. So different to other players. The superiority of this instrument is everywhere acknowledged. Most perfect player made in Canada.

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Your old instrument taken in exchange. Mail orders receive prompt attention. LARGEST EXCLUSIVE PIANO PLANT IN CANADA. Est. 1877.

So's distributors for the Famous Knabe and Chickering Pianos, World's Best, Columbia Grafonolas, all sizes in stock, sold on small monthly payments.

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Calgary's Greatest Piano Store

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Patronized by Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

the return of the \$150.00, which was received. Some conversation afterwards occurred between the parties but nothing definite happened until the month of July following when the defendant made an arrangement with the Rumely Company for one of their own Mechanics to come to Bassano and fix the rims, but just at this time the plaintiffs decided to resign them and they did so, leaving them to the defendant's premises.

The defendant, and also an expert mechanic of the Rumely Co. testified that no extension rims fit in the first instance, but that they have to be adjusted which may include punching holes in the wheel rims at the precise distances to receive the bolts passing through the rims; that for this purpose a practical mechanical knowledge was necessary as were proper mechanical tools, and that it would take one or two mechanics several hours to make the adjustment, using proper appliances; they also testified that the circumference of the rims was practically the same as that of the wheels, and that the slight variations could have been adjusted and would have made no difference in the efficiency of the machine.

It was not shown for the plaintiffs that the rims could be properly applied to the wheels of the plaintiff's tractor--the efforts of the plaintiffs themselves to effect the rims in view of their inadequate tools and inexperience, can hardly be taken as a test to the contrary. It must also be borne in mind that the rims were known to be second-hand and could hardly be expected to be transferred to another tractor without adjustment--when the defendant sold "rims that would fit" the ordinary meaning of the words I think would be, "rims of the proper size capable of being made to fit adequately."

In the present case the property in the rims had passed to the plaintiffs with their taking them away; the rims were of merchantable quality and the plaintiffs were not entitled to return them, or to recover the amount paid to the defendant. The Plaintiffs could, as part of the bargain, have stipulated for having them fixed by the defendant. They should at any rate have availed themselves of the opportunity of having this done when the Rumely Mechanic came to Bassano, so as to insure any damage, and negotiate with the dealer not to charge them for his services.

This, however, is beside the strict law to be applied in this case. On the pleading and my findings the defendant is entitled to judgement which will be entered in his favor with costs.

"W. ROLAND WINTERS,"  
J. D. C.

Mr. W. J. O'Neil acted as solicitor for the Plaintiffs and Messrs. Burns, Mayer & McLean for the Defendant.

## LOST

Gold Brooches and with pearls. Finder please return to Mail Office. Suitable reward.

## REGAL SHOES AT COST

Black and  
Tan -- All

Sizes

5 1-2 to 10

\$11.00

Leather and the Famous Neolin Soles.

JACK TORGAN'S STORE

## Watch Your Victory Bond Coupons Dec. 1st

The Dominion Government will distribute more than \$13,000,000 in interest on December 1st. If you are a holder of the first Victory Bonds or the first Canadian War Loan, you will share in this important distribution. If your bonds are safely deposited in one of our Safety Deposit Boxes, so they should be for your complete protection, come to the Bank and clip the coupons that day. We will cash them for you or deposit the proceeds for you.

## UNION BANK OF CANADA

Bassano Branch and Safety Deposit Boxes, A. L. Seale, Manager  
Branches also at Calgary and Sunnyside

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Aurora Mardiganian is the Armenian beauty who escaped

after two years of unspeakable adventures in the hands of Kurdish Raiders, Slave Markets, and Turkish Harems.

Although the papers have given her story pages of space the Committee chose the screen as the most vivid medium of bringing home to the people what their sisters endured in Armenia.



Women sold at 85c. Cheaper than horses.

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Brandings  
Crucifixions  
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PHONE - Office - Res. 121

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**Burns, Mavor & McLean**  
Bassano, Alberta, Phone 121  
R. C. BURNS, A. L. M. S.  
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**Bassano Lodge**  
No. 55  
A. F. & A. M.  
Meets First Tuesday of each month.  
Visiting Brethren always welcome.  
A. McKee, W. M. C. F. Doyle, Sec.

**Dr. B. E. BARLOW**  
Veterinary Surgeon  
and Dentist  
Day and Night Calls Promptly  
Attended.

**The Exchange Stables,**  
Bassano.  
Phone: Office, 24; Residence, 20.

**CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
(ANGLO-CLAN)  
Corner 5th Avenue and 1st Street  
Services every week as advertised.  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

**Bassano PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services—7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. T. S. PATON.

**REWARD**  
Will be paid for return of following  
horses right (left).

TV cattle right shoulder,  
GS cattle left rib,  
DS cattle left rib,  
DS horses right (left).

C. B. DOVNEY,  
Bassano P.O.

**FOR SALE, FEED**  
About 150 tons hauled wheat in stock,  
cut in dough. Also wheat straw from  
200 acres. 30 tons more feed can be  
hauled 1/2 mile away. Good well on  
place and a good man to look after  
same. Land 3 miles west of Macquary.  
R. P. ROBINSON,  
Box 294, Bassano.

**FOR SALE**  
Purebred S.O. White Leghorn Cock-  
ney Smith's MILKWAY FARM,  
Bassano, Alta.

**FOR SALE**  
Good Grade Holstein Milk Cows.  
SMITH'S MILKWAY FARM,  
Bassano, Alta.

**FOR SALE**  
For recovery of cattle branded D. H.  
on left rib, and horses branded G. H.  
on right rib. Write J. H. Chandler, Bas-  
sano, Alta.

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For recovery of cattle branded D. H.  
on left rib, and horses branded G. H.  
on right rib. Write J. H. Chandler, Bas-  
sano, Alta.

## And A Very Pleasant Time Will Be Had

A bunch of local sports are in  
Calgary to-day for the big prize  
fight. Bill Foster says he wants to  
pick up a few wrinkles in case he  
plays (all next year). MacQuary  
in case we print any more articles  
about the elevator men; Billy  
Walker, wants to learn the K.O.  
step for the next dance; Doc  
Brogan wants to learn a few more  
watts for the same affair; Walter  
Morlock thinks he might be  
able to use a few of the arguments  
exchanged at the next political  
meeting; Charlie Wilson has an  
idea he could defend himself better  
if he saw two real men swapping  
stripes; I ran is going to see some-  
body else scuffling for a change;  
and the others have heard that the  
moonshine will be brighter than  
ever at the big night in the city.

### STRAYED

Suitable reward will be paid for the  
return or information leading to the re-  
turn of any or all of the horses as below.  
Communicate with L. Griffin, Esq.,  
C.P.R., D.N.H., Brooks.  
1 White Gelding, branded 1 right hip,  
A right shoulder, about 1200 lbs.  
1 Bay Gelding, branded 1 right hip,  
A right shoulder, about 1200 lbs. Lost  
near Ship's vicinity.  
1-His Grey Gelding, branded CO left  
shoulder, age 12 years, about 1200 lbs.  
1-His Grey Gelding, branded R right  
jaw, [C left shoulder, 6 yrs. old, about  
1200 lbs.  
1-His Grey Gelding, both hind corners  
white, both fore legs black, branded C  
left shoulder, [C left shoulder, 9 years  
old, about 1225 lbs. Lost 1918 from  
Bassano District.  
1-His Brown Gelding, branded [C left  
shoulder, 7 years old, about 1400 lbs.  
Lost this year in vicinity of Duchesne.  
Iron Grey Mare, branded A right  
shoulder, about 1200 lbs. 4 years old,  
lost September between Coats and  
Ship's vicinity.  
Dark Bay Mare, 4 years old, one white  
foot, very little coat, or livery, short  
tail, weight 1100 lbs., no brand. Lost  
September from vicinity of St. Julien  
Gulley, Tillye.  
Grey Mare, branded 1 right hip, W  
right shoulder, 16 years old, about 1200  
lbs. Lost from vicinity of Patrice.

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### WANTED

Own price and description of farm also  
plot property in or surrounding Municipal  
Tid District.  
ED. REEVE,  
Husston, Kansas, U.S.A.

### HORSES TO PASTURE

Can pasture about 50 head of horses.  
Located 16 miles north of Bassano. 2  
sections partly grass and partly alfalfa.  
L. M. ROSENBERG,  
Bassano.

### FOR SALE

1 Majestic Cook Stove, 1 Sewing  
Machine, 1 Graphophone, about 60  
records. Cheap apply.  
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Alta. Prov. Editor, Bassano

### FOR SALE

Tires, Tubes, Oil, Grease and Auto-  
mobile Accessories, etc.  
THE GENERAL GARAGE.

### FOR SALE

Kitchen Cabinet, 2nd Hand and  
several other articles of furniture.  
Apply to  
JACK TORGAN,  
Bassano

### IMPOUNDED

On the 20th September, One Red  
Muley Steer, 3 years old, branded on  
shoulder—11 on right rib, YG on  
right shoulder. N.W. 18-23-14.  
N. D. FERGUSON,  
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THE GENERAL GARAGE.

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## THE MAIL, BASSANO, ALBERTA

### National Ships of Canada

By David Maclean.

National Ships of Canada: Will they  
ever be to Canada what the ships of  
Britain have been to the Empire?  
Doubtful. Doubtful. Doubtful.

This instinct for the sea that has  
characterized the Anglo-Saxon from  
his earliest days in the first west  
end of the Northern sea, his ship,  
child-like craft, is once again re-  
flected throughout the Anglo-Saxon world.  
We hear almost every day of the place  
of our country of the sea, of the  
blood to the south, who hope to  
wrest the control of the ocean-carrying trade  
from Britain. Canada already has a  
substantial nucleus of a national fleet  
of commerce carriers. Does it mean only  
that North America is to enter the  
racing world on a scale never before  
dreamed of, or is Canada to stand side  
with the Old Motherland to keep the old  
supremacy within the Empire? Australia  
is also planning through an interesting  
period in connection with her merchant  
shipping.

England is small, and an island, and  
all the ships of the sea in the world are  
old Viking ships far from her coast.  
The English know the ocean is all its  
own. They know how to build vessels  
that survive. The indomitable sea-  
man rides his ships to all points of the  
compass. As he goes he trades. As  
he trades he draws the wealth of  
many lands to his beloved home-land in  
the turbulent North Atlantic. His  
vessels both for trading and fighting  
go into the most formidable sea in  
both ends of activity. Ships make Eng-  
land rich, and ships will keep her  
rich.

Canada's area alone is equal to 30  
countries the size of the British Isles,  
and the population of the British Isles  
is only about one-sixth that of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain. Canada  
could look forward for thousands of miles.  
The sea ports were open, but only to  
the minority. The majority of Cana-  
dians probably have never seen the sea.  
The sea ports, like their environment,  
is lonely although we could touch one  
another almost at all points along a four  
thousand-mile boundary line. That sort  
of a situation produces national thinking  
only. The international habit does not  
come until there are means of contact  
with other lands. To all others we were  
shut out. Our development should  
give us the means of expansion along in-  
ternational trading lines. That develop-  
ment was a first of ships. Of that first  
Canada-built, Canada-owned, Canada-  
controlled, we have already sixteen  
ships on the water, ranging from 3,750  
dead-weight tons, and 5,400 dead-weight  
tons, in operation between ports in  
Canada, the United Kingdom, the  
British West Indies, Cuba and South  
America. Within a few weeks Australia  
will be included in the list. Sailings to  
other ports in Great Britain and else-  
where are now under consideration.

The Canadian federal plan calls for a  
fleet of sixty ships having a gross dead-  
weight of approximately 300,000 tons.  
They belong to Canadians as a whole.  
Canadian Government Merchant Marine  
Limited, is the name of the company to  
operate them under the direction of  
Canadian Railways.

Already—no doubt because of the  
ships—there is a quickening of interest  
among Canadian business men in outside  
affairs, that up to a few months ago  
was almost entirely dry. Canadian  
business men are now looking to the  
west, the West Indies, for example—  
at least their relation to Great Britain  
and to Canada—have occupied considerable  
space in the daily press to the Press.  
The trade of the West Indies with  
Canada has developed into an interesting  
topic in business Canada. That trade at  
present does not worry federal statisti-  
cians who keep record of the Nation's  
business dealings abroad, but it has  
naturally brought considerable  
"National" ships have made 14 regu-  
lar trips with the West Indies. They  
have carried southbound practically all  
classes of general merchandise, and they  
bring back the goods Canada imports  
from those fertile sunny lands. That is  
all very well for a beginning, but in the  
future there ought to be, between Cana-  
da and the West Indies, a development  
of trading that would make the present  
figure appear utterly insignificant.

The West Indies import approximately  
10 million dollars worth of flour, rice,  
salt, meat, fertilizer, tools and shoes,  
beer and wine, apparel, haberdashery,  
luggage and trunks, lace and buttons,  
canned milk, corn meal, soap, butter,  
wood and timber, hardware, machinery,  
dried fish, coal, and cottons, each year.  
Canada contributes the most valuable  
single group, 7 million dollars being the  
amount estimated yearly; flour however,  
is a close second, \$6,000,000 worth being  
imported in 12 months. Other large  
groups are dried fish, coal, rice, salt  
meat, hardware, fertilizers, boots and  
shoes, and woods and timber.

Of those imports Canada furnishes less  
than a million dollars worth of food  
stuffs, only \$12,000 worth of meat;  
\$10,000 in machinery; \$100,000 in hard-  
ware; \$15,000 in apparel; \$200,000 in  
wood; \$4,000 in sugar and honey.

\$127,000 in butter and cheese; \$10,000  
in vehicles; \$285 in lard; \$145 in hats  
and buttons and \$29,000 in fruit.

The West Indies export naturally  
goods to the value of approximately 10  
million dollars in one year. The list in-  
cludes, sugar, coconuts, rum, molasses,  
cocoa and coffee, bananas, citrus  
fruit, coffee, cotton, gold, spices,  
tobacco, hides and skins, tobacco,  
diamonds, salt, oranges, avocados, can-  
neds, apples, lemons, limes, rice,  
mineral oil, vegetable, cotton, wood  
manifolds, logwood and extracts.

Canada imports more than \$31,000,000  
worth of goods from the West Indies.  
\$18,000,000 worth of this comes from the  
West Indies. She imports \$1,500,000  
worth of coconuts, and gets about one-third  
of that from the West Indies. In  
Molasses there is a better showing as our  
imports are \$2,000,000, and \$1,500,000  
worth of it comes from the West Indies.  
We import \$3,800,000 worth of vege-  
table, \$16,000 worth comes from the  
West Indies. We import \$100,000 worth  
of lime juice and get \$80,000 worth  
from the West Indies. We import more  
than \$14,000,000 of mineral oil and get  
more at all times from the West Indies.  
We import two and a quarter million dollars  
worth of coffee and get only approxi-  
mately one quarter of a million from the  
West Indies. We import \$700,000 worth  
of oranges getting only \$60,000 worth  
from the West Indies. We import more  
than a million dollars worth of  
apples, of which less than \$40,000 comes  
from the West Indies. We import  
\$4,000,000 of oranges and grape fruits  
and get less than \$40,000 from the West  
Indies.

A few years ago the publishing of  
these figures in Canada would have  
excited little, if any, interest. To-day they  
represent a real opportunity for quite an  
imposing list of manufacturers in Cana-  
da. These manufacturers are already  
beginning to take advantage of the facili-  
ties furnished by the National ships.  
Flour and grain, cement, ammonia,  
rubber goods, steel, pine lumber, oilseeds,  
iron, hardware, salt fish, cranberry  
juice, auto tires, furniture, clothing,  
all these, are included among the prod-  
ucts carried south. Recently a vessel  
for Buenos Aires carried auto har-  
vesting machinery, which is expected to  
cut the vanguard of large shipments of  
Canadian-made goods in this line. The  
ships to South America and to Cuba  
carry much the same general cargo as  
that enumerated above, and in the case  
of the West Indies there is a wide  
range between the important and the  
unimportant. The ships to the West In-  
dies import the goods that lead in it.

The opportunity in that direction was  
long ago fully developed. Officials of  
Canadian Government Merchant Marine  
Limited are now on their way to the  
west coast to ascertain better the line  
the development in trade should follow.

There is another aspect of Canadian  
foreign trade, that will be greatly im-  
proved by the new shipping service. The  
country's commerce with outside lands grows  
up the utilization of our national vessels.  
In Canada we have been at the mercy  
of the world's shipping lines. The im-  
ports to the south have been acting as in-  
termediaries. They have been importing  
goods from other lands and we have been  
importing from them. There seems to be  
no valid reason why this transac-  
tion should go on now that we have the ships  
to bring the goods in question from  
foreign lands to Canadian ports. There  
is no valid reason why American vessels  
and American railroads and American  
brokers should profit out of the handling  
of these Canadian imports. National  
ships of Canada can bring the goods  
direct to Canadian shores.

Officials of the Canadian Government  
Merchant Marine Limited and Canadian  
national Railways in seeking out ton-  
nage for the National boats find the  
feature of Canadian trading to be a real  
benefit in the handling of cargo. A large  
number of Canadian manufacturers have  
traded heretofore with outside countries,  
and it appears to have been a general  
policy to sell their goods through  
American firms. These American firms,  
naturally, have a good deal to say when  
it comes to the matter of routing the ton-  
nage to be handled. Consequently there  
has been, since the National boats have  
been in service, a movement to show  
Canadian manufacturers that the value  
of doing business direct with foreign  
business, in this way developing ports  
in Canada and providing tonnage for the  
rails and ships of the National boats.

It is not generally realized the extent  
to which these Canadian-owned vessels  
operated to save Canada from the dire  
effects of a sugar shortage recently.  
Eleven vessels were utilized to bring in  
raw sugar from Cuba direct to the docks  
of Canadian harbors. The total ton-  
nage would probably be in excess of  
25,000 tons. There is no doubt that a  
serious sugar crisis was averted because  
of the availability of these vessels for this  
service. No privately-owned boats were  
utilized in that trade, and the are  
batteries are that we would have avail-  
ed of the convenience of privately-owned  
lines to bring this necessary product to  
our shores.

As ship owners and operators, Cana-  
dians are on the threshold of a new de-  
velopment. This will not come sudden-  
ly, but it should be a healthy growth.

## Add that extra piece of furniture for Christmas.

There is scarcely a home  
which is so complete that  
there is not some little thing  
needed to make it more  
cosy and comfortable.

And what more appropriate  
gift could be made at Xmas  
than that little something  
your home lacks for your  
wife's or children's comfort.

**We can supply you  
with any article of  
house furniture you  
need from single pieces  
to complete suites.**

Our prices are away below the larger  
City stores and our stock is in many  
cases better.

**Drop in and talk it over.**  
Gramophones, Records, Albums. A beautiful  
pot of plants and ferns.

**M. GRAY :o-o: BASSANO**

## Revive the Board of Trade

It is needed. What about a meeting June 1st.

**COME TO THE  
PACIFIC  
COAST**  
The Land of Moderate Climate  
Invigorating Healthy-Enjoyable.

**HERE YOU CAN GO,  
OR MOTOR, OR RIDE  
TO YOUR HEART'S  
CONTENT**

**MAKE  
THE TRIP  
THIS  
SEASON**

**THE EMPRESS  
AT VICTORIA  
THE VANCOUVER  
AT VANCOUVER**

FOR PARTICULARS OR RESERVATIONS  
APPLY ANY AGENT

### FIRE ALARM CALLS.

Ward 1 (west of 4th Ave.)—Five bells,  
pause, then five more, etc.  
Ward 2 (West of Fourth St.)—Six  
bells.

Ward 3 (East of Fourth St. and  
South of 4th Ave.) seven bells.  
Ward 4 (East of Fourth St. and  
North of Fourth Ave.)—Eight  
bells.

Practice Alarm—Three bells.

The object lesson of the Motherland can  
never be bettered in the  
fact of Nationally-owned commerce  
carriers is a venture that has passed the  
experimental stage. Canadian prod-  
ucts, Canadian railroads, Canadian sailors  
and Canadian ports, are all elements  
because of the inauguration of the policy  
of public-controlled merchant vessels  
by the Dominion.

**W. D. THREGO,  
Office Phone 12, Glenora.**

**WANTED**  
Care for overhauling and repairing  
defective machinery.  
**THE GENERAL GARAGE.**





## Hardware

## Flanagan Brothers

## Harness

## Only Four More Weeks to Christmas!

Let us help you decide on your gifts to your family and friends.

### Dad or the Boys would like a Pocket Knife.

We have them for the little fellow as well as for the grown man. Large or small with bone, pearl or composition handles all shapes and styles of blades;

Or, may be, a Flashlight would appeal to him more. We have a size to fit the pocket and a number of sizes for the home. A practical gift.



Every man who shaves will appreciate one of our safety or blade razors.

Hones, Strogs, Soaps and Brushes.

### Has Mother got any Pyrex?

This beautiful transparent oven ware will give pleasure every day in the year. It is so easy to keep clean, such a perfect baker, and it's a dish which will grace any table.

Can be had in Casserole Utility dishes, Individual Manikins, or an Engraved Pattern for anyone preferring Pyrex in a fancier style.

### An Electric Iron

Here is the gift which will outlast all others and will save Mother from the stifling effects of ordinary ironing days.

**SCISSORS!** Slip a new pair into her sewing case and we know she will be pleasantly surprised.

### The Gift that always Pleases COMMUNITY SILVER!

If you are considering a gift to your friends make it "Community" and you are bound to give pleasure.

We have the full line of Patrician design: Carving Sets, Berry Spoons, Ladles, Butter Knives, Fish Forks, and Tea and Dinner Service Knives, Forks and Spoons. The beauty of giving Community is that you can add to it at any time until the service is complete.

One of our English Carving Sets makes an ideal Christmas Gift.

The whole family would appreciate the light from one of our Gasolign or Alladin Table Lamps.

### PAINTS OILS AND GLASS

## Flanagan Brothers

### AUTO ACCESSORIES

## Revive the Board of Trade

It is needed. What about a meeting Jimmie.

### BEAVER BOARD FOR BETTER WALLS & CEILINGS



### Why Live with Cracked Walls and Ceilings When They're Easily Covered Up

Beaver Board will cover them up for all time and you'll never have the job to do again. While Beaver Board is doing away with the danger of falling plaster it is covering up old dingy wall paper on walls and ceilings and giving you an ideal surface for painting and decorating.

Many so old homes have been revived. Shakes of the spruce tree. Each panel is treated with the patented Sealite process which prevents warping. If you need to build or rebuild, restore or enlarge ask us how you will profit by using Beaver Board.

### Crown Lumber Co., Ltd.

JOS. WRIGHT,  
Box 26 Ten years local Manager. Phone 31

### M. E. Church and E. D. Plummer

Osteopathic Physicians and Bloodless Surgeons  
Have Removed Their Quarters to THIRD FLOOR GRAIN EXCHANGE  
(Diagonally across from Palliser Hotel, Calgary)

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AMERICAN MEDICAL CORP.

All Curable Diseases Successfully Treated.  
To Get Better HEALTH Have CAUSES TREATED, Not SYMPTOMS.

### Local and Personal.

There are only 24 days between you and Xmas. In your own interests shop early.

Service will be held at the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 11 a.m., when the sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered.

The Massey-Harris Co., have recently made Bassano the headquarters of a block and their representative, Mr. Pigeon, arrived in town Saturday to take over the new territory.

How dare those naughty irresponsible persons suggest anything for the school when we have such a responsible person as George H. Travis to do all the thinking that is necessary for us.

Lawyer O'Neill takes exception to our article "How we are governed" and says that not all the laws are made by lawyers. We are sure none of our readers would ever dream of accusing Mr. O'Neill of the "crime."

A meeting of the Bassano War Veterans Association will be held on Sunday afternoon in the basement of the Whiting Block. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Browne left this week for the east where they will spend their Christmas vacation.

Monday December 1st is nomination day for Council, School Board and Hospital District. Give your interest by either accepting nomination or forwarding better men than you to head nomination.

Those "fancy stunts" recommenders had their writs severely slapped by George H. Travis at the ratemakers' meeting, but being somewhat philosophical by recommending themselves by recommending the Irish men said after the new kicked him "Conglader the deuce."

Married—On November 26th at Bassano, Hugh Frank Nester and Evelyn Margaret Holcomb both of Pandora, by Rev. T. B. Paton.

On Thursday afternoon Nov. 20th in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Elton Wilson, D.A. of Medicine Hat gave an address at the First Annual Thanks-offering meeting, of the Women's Missionary Society. The total Thanks-offering amounted to \$81, including a Life Membership Certificate at \$25 to Mrs. Ed. Mauger the worthy President of the Society. Mr. Wilson gave his illustrated lecture in the evening on "A Trip to India," from which \$63.25 was received making the total for the day \$144.25.

A box of Bassano-made special chocolates will be given to everyone attending the Friday performance of "Auction of Souls." The candies are made by Mr. Haydon and we understand he intends to go into the business exclusively. Needless to say Bassanoites will support her home industry to the limit.

### Notice to Canadian Fur Shippers

For the convenience of Canadian Fur Shippers, "Slubert" is operating a Canadian Fur House—A. B. Slubert, Ltd., 324, Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

This procedure (says Mr. A. B. Slubert, President of A. B. Slubert, Ltd., Winnipeg, Canada) was due to an increasingly large amount of new Canadian Shippers each season and since "Slubert" has always had "The Shipper's Interest" at heart, we make these arrangements so that we may be closer to "The Canadian Fur Shipper" thereby giving him advantages which could not very well be applied such as Return—Quicker, Better Service, Close Co-operation and always Liberal Grading—Highest Market Prices.

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Only 20 Days To Xmas. SHOP Early.



## We Pay One Half

The purchase price of this famous 1881 Rogers A1 Plate

We give coupons with every purchase of all the high grade guaranteed products made by the United Drug Company. We are willing to lose money on the silverware to get you acquainted with these goods, which are standard in their line.

### "Retail Remedies"

Biggett's Cough, Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Brushes, Stationery, Rubber Goods, and hundreds of other items, household necessities, etc. You cannot afford not to see this popular silverware, when you can get it on such half bought plan. At an example, this season that sells for \$25, you can get for 10c with coupons.

J. A. Stiles,

BASSANO, ALTA.